



Attorney Docket No. 3170/2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sadao NISHIBORI et al.

: Group Art Unit: 1724

Serial No. 09/689,831

: Examiner: Fred G. Prince

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: RESIN CULTIVATION BASE,  
WATER PURIFYING DEVICE  
AND METHOD USING RESIN  
CULTIVATING BASE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the claims as follows.

1. A resin cultivating base serving as seedling beds for  
vegetation and partially immersed in a river, lake, marsh,  
ponds, or waterway drawing water from them,

wherein the resin cultivating base is a three-  
dimensional structure constituted by long and/or short  
filaments of thermoplastic resin;

adjacent long and short filaments are curled or  
looped at random, and contacted, entwined and gathered,  
thereby forming a low density portion and a high density  
portion;

the low density portion has 80% to 99% voids which  
is higher void rate than the void rate of the high density  
portion;

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